

DEMOCRATS ROUSED BY ODELL'S TACTICS

Wholesale Challenges of Voters in Greater New York Part of Intimidation Scheme.

REPUBLICANS ARE DESPERATE. SERVICE FOR CLEAN POLITICS.

Even Mayor McClellan Is Questioned About His Right to Vote, Because He Was Born in Saxony.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.  
New York, Oct. 15.—The first day of the registration of the voters which has prevailed in Democratic circles in New York was a day of surprises.

The total registration was approximately 250,000, or about the same as that of four years ago. This, too, notwithstanding the fact that the Democratic party has been making desperate efforts on the part of Governor Odell and his machine to intimidate the voters by challenging their right to register and vote.

The Governor made the astounding statement that his Superintendent of Elections, George W. Morgan, had in his hands challenges for 50,000 voters in Greater New York, to be served the moment the effort is made to register.

When Tammany leader Murphy was informed of Governor Odell's statement he said:

"While the events of the day showed that the Republicans intend to make a good many challenges, I had no idea they proposed carrying the outrage to such an extreme. It only proves that Odell and his followers are desperate men, who realize that heroic measures must be taken if their ticket is to be saved. The trick is an old one, but cannot be worked here."

CHALLENGES BY WHOLESALE.  
Superintendent Morgan, an appointee of Governor Odell, began his work on the first day of registration by ordering his deputies to challenge by the wholesale.

And he did so, with the result that the challenge of being challenged on yesterday and on any previous day in the history of New York. No section of the city and no class of citizens was exempt from Morgan and his deputies.

Mayor McClellan practically was challenged, though he escaped without such an indignity as being challenged on him. He explained that he was born in Saxony. That seemed to make it patent to the inspectors that he was a suspicious applicant. They didn't know him; didn't look at his name until he had gone.

The twenty-fifth district men were challenged without apparent discrimination, according to Charles F. Murphy, in the sixteenth district, who has been administering to the sick and needy for fifteen years was challenged. Even in Mr. Murphy's own district several of the most prominent men in the district were denied their rights.

Thomas F. Dwyer, treasurer of the Tammany organization, was put down by Morgan as one dead. He was challenged. Alderman Frank Dowling of the Ninth District was challenged. These were but instances of a day that was filled with acts of defiance and defiance and defiance of the rights of citizens.

ALL PARTIES ROUSED.  
Such tactics as these have aroused men of all political faiths who believe in fair play. Democrats are particularly bitter against Odell, and are aroused as they have never been before. They look upon the action of Morgan as an attempt to bulldoze timid voters who would rather surrender the franchise than be pestered by official red tape.

Mr. Murphy said:

"Of all the desperate attempts made by Republicans to intimidate voters, this exhibition at the registration polls was the most infamous in the city's history. Following the reckless lead of the Republican party managers in their desire to perpetuate their present profit and plunder in the State administration, Morgan, the Superintendent of Elections, caused wholesale challenges of honest citizens in all the Democratic districts, and took pains to see that while lists were furnished in Republican districts, practically no challenges were made from them. The plan is to scare men entitled to vote away from the polls."

Such tactics as these were never before known. The only way to come from every district, and something to be done at once to prevent this attempted disenfranchisement of hundreds of Democratic citizens.

EXPLODING MORTAR KILLS THREE MEN

Accident Occurs While Men Are at Gun Practice in Great Battery at Fort Banks, Mass.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.  
Boston, Oct. 15.—Thirteen artillerymen were killed and eight were wounded at 10 o'clock this morning when the explosion of one of the immense 12-inch mortars in the great mortar battery at Fort Banks, at Wintthrop. Officers at the fort are reticent, and details of the accident are suppressed.

The dead are: Sergeant George J. Neville, Private Edward Higgins and Private James W. Kelley.

The wounded are Private Arthur Tomlinson, probably fatally; First Sergeant Tom Foley, Corporal Bannister, Private William T. Sheehan, Private C. B. Kitts, Private Stanislaus Ross, Private John Hyde, Private William J. Kelly.

All of the killed and wounded belonged to the Eighty-ninth Coast Artillery. The accident occurred at the regular target practice, which began at 10 o'clock. In loading one of the 12-inch mortars for the second trial shot, the powder charge exploded in the chamber of the gun as the men were closing the breech block. The breech block was blown off with a deafening roar, and the members of the gun crew were hurled in all directions about the chamber of the gun.

Fort Banks is the headquarters of the artillery district of Boston, commanded by Colonel Samuel Mills. Colonel Mills' aid this afternoon said that he did not know what caused the explosion; that it would be traced into by an investigation board.

All the injured, except Tomlinson, are being well and are expected to recover.

NIEDRINGHAUS GIVES PRAISE TO HANCOCK

Completely Satisfied With Conduct of Folk's Office in Registration Inquiry.

Cheerfulness Prevails at Republican Headquarters; Brokmeyer Returns From Visit to Cortelyou in New York.

Complete satisfaction is expressed by the Republican managers with the action of the Circuit Attorney's office in probing into the registration frauds. Thomas K. Niedringhaus, chairman of the State Committee, declared yesterday that every facility had been offered him, with every evidence of sincerity, in his endeavor to investigate the registration.

Mr. Hancock has shown himself willing and zealous in searching for irregularities," said Mr. Niedringhaus, "and in taking steps to clean the lists. I am willing to speak out about this. I am willing to speak out about this."

Mr. Niedringhaus asserted, further, that he believed the Circuit Attorney's office had been hampered in its contact with ward machinery. But his endorsement of the Circuit Attorney's assistant, to whom this matter had been entrusted by Mr. Folk, was unequivocal. He added, too, that he thought a good service had been done in the case of good politics.

Democratic leaders are pleased that such a testimonial of good conduct should be gratuitously handed a Democratic office and a Democratic official at a time when Republicans are asserting that Indian outrages during the registration are the "paramount issue" before the people. The O. K. of the chief Republican manager to Democratic investigation of the alleged frauds is regarded as particularly encouraging.

Democrats say that it discloses a frankness on the part of their opponents which could be expected, though not, therefore, the less to be appreciated. They think, however, that no more should be heard of dark charges of Democratic plans to steal the coming election by dishonest practices in St. Louis. They say that now the accusation of fraud can only properly follow from not coming to the polls, and that the Circuit Attorney's office has not, still it was there. Mr. Niedringhaus and all the members of his cabinet were the round-faced smile of satisfaction, which, by way of beaming, could not be compared for a minute with the old Ziegenbein mood. Did this mean that news of more money had been sent to the State?

Not at all. The Republican reporter was told. On the contrary, the committee was out of money, was utterly broke. Not a cent was in sight. It would have to be a poor man's campaign henceforth. Metaphorically speaking, because of its poverty, these working Republicans said that the Circuit Attorney's office would be compelled to appear before the people with patches in its trousers. Not only this, but it was said that a letter is to be issued announcing need of money, and asking all good Republicans to contribute in order to keep the committee in the bare necessities of political life. All going out and nothing coming in, was the sad refrain—accompaniment to the broad smile of contentment.

In this connection it may be said that E. C. Brokmeyer, secretary of the Department of Franked Republican Doctrine, came back yesterday. He arrived in the evening, whereupon there was a short session of the cabinet in Chairman Niedringhaus's office.

He went to the Payne funeral in Milwaukee and returned by the direct route of the Chicago and New York headquarters. While in New York he declared that he went all the way there simply to tell how well things are getting along here. He merely wanted to cheer Cortelyou up. Now he is back and they are all cheerful in the Commercial building. Not that he brings National Committee cash; of course not; but that Republicans can smile in the face of adversity.

Visitors at Headquarters.  
Congressman Champ Clark of Bowling Green and Judge Charles E. Peers of Warren were among the visitors at Democratic headquarters yesterday. They brought glowing reports of conditions in their territory. Other visitors were P. Morris of Missouri, Ernest Carbes and W. P. Larkin of Billings; Doctor J. A. Robertson of Oskaw; William P. McCarty of Marble Hill; John O. Long of Potomac, and J. E. Watkins of Chillochee.

Secretary Wilson Was Here.  
James Wilson, Secretary of Agriculture, was a visitor at Republican headquarters in the Commercial building yesterday. He passed through on his way to Colorado, where he delivers two speeches. He will return by way of Omaha to St. Joseph, where he speaks October 20. State Chairman Niedringhaus will endeavor to secure two more dates for him in Missouri.

Jefferson Club Meeting.  
The Jefferson Club will hold their first club meeting of the campaign Tuesday night at the club. Candidates will be present and speeches will be delivered. It is expected to be a big demonstration and the inauguration of the city campaign.

Folk to Go to Nebraska.  
By way of return for Mr. Bryan's speeches in Missouri, Circuit Attorney Folk will make three speeches, spending one day in Nebraska. He will be there October 21 and will speak in Lincoln and Omaha. The third date is not yet arranged.

Republican Literature.  
All Republican literature now being circulated deals with national matters. The document upon which chief stress is laid is the Bryan Chicago speech, which, from lists supplied by the Postmaster of the State, is being circulated by thousands. Next in number is an editorial taken from the New York World, which recites the record of the Republican administration with reference to trusts. In answer to the Bryan speech, which is the only one to which importance is attributed by Democrats, the latter call attention to the excerpt from Mr. Bryan's Springfield speech, which is printed in the Democratic State campaign book.

EXTENDS UNSTINTED PRAISE TO JAPANESE MILITARY SURGEONS



MAJOR LOUIS LIVINGSTON SEAMAN, U.S.A.

Major Louis Livingston Seaman Tells of His Visits to the Hospitals of the Mikado's Forces—Comparisons With America and England Favor the Little Empire.

RUSSIAN WOUNDED ARE WELL TREATED BY THE ENEMY.

To have participated in the stirring events of the Philippine war, the Boxer uprising, the Spanish-American War and a spectator and close observer of the Russian-Japanese War, is more of an experience than falls to the lot of one man.

This has been the fortune of Major Louis Livingston Seaman, U. S. A., whose paper on the incidents observed by him in the last named war excited so much interest at the Congress of Military Surgeons on Thursday. The Major has been at the front of the fighting lines in all these campaigns, and, in addition, he spent ten days in the camp of the Chinese bandits, in Manchuria, and recites many interesting experiences of this bold army, under General Chang Tzu Lin, who is now conducting a guerrilla warfare on the right flank of the Russian army.

"The General of the 'Red Beards,' as they are called," said Major Seaman, in speaking of his experiences, "I found a most hospitable host. He put a guard of thirty men at our disposal to guide us in the surrounding country. The army of bandits, comprising about 10,000 men, has been a great aid to the Japanese in the services of spies."

While in the far East, Major Seaman visited every naval and military hospital in Japan, and his observations on the advanced methods employed by the Japanese in their hospital work are both interesting and instructive. Representing, as they do, one of the first personal reports on the conditions in the far East.

"Accompanied by my assistant, Doctor Trautman of New York, I left Washington May 25, and arrived in Tokyo June 2, supplied with credentials from the Japanese Minister Takahara to Mr. Chinda, Secretary of Foreign Affairs in Tokyo. I went at once to the legation and there met the War Department for the much-coveted pass that was to take us to the front."

DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED.  
The thousand objections raised by the Governments of both belligerents against granting passes to the firing line or giving permits to visit battlefields directly after a fight, and their refusal to impart statistical information, are only a few of the many difficulties encountered. Even when in defiance of martial law we seized a favorable opportunity to break away from the network of control to pursue an independent investigation, we were confronted with the formidable obstacle of not understanding the Japanese, Russian, Korean or Chinese language.

"While waiting in Tokyo for passes, we studied the splendid Red Cross system which has its headquarters in that beautiful capital, and its university and medical schools, which, since the Restoration (1868) have given the world such men as Itano and Homma in diplomacy, Fukunaga in education, Shimozu in chemistry, Totsuka, Sato, Saneyoshi in medicine."

"We found the Military Red Cross and University Hospital conducted on broad, up-to-date principles; the operating-rooms being supplied and fitted up with the latest devices and antiseptic procedure. Up to July 1, only about 1,000 wounded and no medical cases had reached Tokyo, mostly from the base hospital at Hiroshima, which was continually sending large numbers to other divisional hospitals to make room for fresh ones from the front. They were mainly from the Yalu, Nanchang and Tientsin fights, and included many severely wounded by shell fragments, bullets, saber cuts and explosions. They came by rail from Hiroshima to Shimonoseki stations, where they are put into jinrikishas or bamboo stretchers."

JAPANESE UNDEMONSTRATIVE.  
The Japanese are an undemonstrative people. At the station nearly every second day or night one can see an almost silent crowd compassionately gazing on the growing lines of wounded who return the stare with equal gravity. One would never imagine that standing in the stolid crowd many have come to discover a relative or lover. Occasionally a mother, or a sister, will recognize a son or brother, but apparently no feeling is shown, only a cool formal greeting with a touch of reverence on the part of the woman. The real welcome is reserved for the sacredness of the home, and is a welcome of which the world knows nothing.

"The road from the station to the various hospitals lies sometimes through the busiest part of the city, but everywhere the slow, impressive procession is met with a respectful silence, until at last the hospital is reached, where, with almost mechanical precision, the patients are distributed, and so systematic are the arrangements that in a few minutes nothing remains to indicate an interruption of the usual routine of the day."

"The little Red Cross nurses smilingly perform their duties with a precision and celerity that challenge admiration. We found the physical condition of the patients remarkable, considering the severity of the wounds and the character of the campaign through which they had passed. Their faces showed little evidence of illness or suffering. On the contrary, the majority looked as well as their attendants, and their greatest anxiety seemed to be to know when they could rejoin their comrades in the field. When I tell you that of the more than a thousand wounded received in Tokyo prior to July 1 not one had died fatally, and that every one remaining in the wards presented a favorable prognosis, you can appreciate the admirable work that is being accomplished here."

"On July 1 our long-delayed passes came, permitting us to visit all the military and naval hospitals in Japan and the Russian wounded and prisoners at Matsuyama. No time was lost in turning at once to Hiroshima, on the beautiful island sea, where the wounded are housed in the barracks. These institutions comprise six divisions in different parts of the city. Fifteen Buddhist temples have recently been equipped to form an additional division, their beautiful and roomy interiors giving ample accommodations for an extra 100 patients. Hundreds of wounded arrive every day from the fields around Port Arthur, where terrific fighting has been in progress almost incessantly since July 15.

WOUNDS MORE SEVERE.  
"Since August 26, after which I made a second visit to Hiroshima, the execution has been at much closer range, and the severity of the wounds correspondingly increased. High-velocity bullets at such short distances produce almost an explosive effect. The operating room of the first division reserve hospital is presided over by the distinguished Surgeon General Sato and his able associates, Ouhishi and Captain Tanaka. Here, indeed, was the surgery of the battlefield, for gunshot wounds of nearly every conceivable type were constantly arriving from the front."

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